(b) with what results?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Efforts have been made to arrive at negotiated settlements in the pending inter-State Water disputes. The issues continue to be under discussions.

Manufacturing of rakes and power generation

*333. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to shelve the introduction of new trains for want of additional rakes and power disregarding the passenger needs and urgency of cargo movement; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to boost the manufacture of rakes and augment power generation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No, Sir. A balanced policy is followed by the Government in regard to meeting various needs of the economy including passenger traffic, movement of essential commodities etc. within the available resources.

(b) To increase the availability of coaches the production capacity of Integral Coach Factory is planned to be increased to 1000 coaches per year in a phased manner. It is also proposed to set up a new coach factory for manufacture of another one thousand coaches per annum. The subject of power generation does not concern the Railway Ministry.

Reported creation of mixed Battalions in the Army

*334. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Misister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of the 27th July, 1985 to the effect that Government propose to create mixed battalions to reorganise the Army;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No such news item has appeared in the Blitz of the 27th July, 1985.

(b) and (c) Reorganisation of Army battalions is an on-going Process and is kept under review according to the requirements of national security. It is not in the public interest to disclose details in this regard.

Branches of All India Council of Technical Education

*335. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council of Technical Education has its branches in different regions; if so, the location thereof; and

(b) what are the reasons for not decentralising and delegating certain routine activities to regional offices enabling them to have better interaction with educational institutions in the regions?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) For the proper discharge of its functions, the All India Council for Technical Education has set up four